

Important Update

PHYSICIAN and PHARMACY Providers

**Preferred Drug List changes for the State of Georgia Fee-For-Service
MEDICAID and PeachCare for Kids programs**

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Phase IV PDL Changes

As communicated to you in the past, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is revising its current PDL for maximum clinical and cost effectiveness due to the continued growth in drug expenditures. Listed below are the preferred products in the therapeutic categories impacted by this revision of the preferred drug list.

Atypical Antipsychotics	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents- Prior Authorization Required
Geodon	Abilify
Risperdal Solution	Clozaril (brand only)
Risperdal Tablets	Risperdal Consta
Seroquel	Risperdal M-Tabs
	Symbyax
	Zyprexa
	Zyprexa Zydis
	Non-Preferred Agents- Prior Authorization NOT Required
	Clozapine
	Fazaclo
	Zyprexa Injectable
ACE Inhibitors	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
All generic ACE Inhibitors	All branded ACE Inhibitors with generics available
Altace	Aceon
Mavik	Accupril
ACE Inhibitors with Diuretic Combinations	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
All generic ACE Inhibitor/Diuretic Combinations	All branded ACE Inhibitors w/Diuretics with generics available
Uniretic	

ACE Inhibitors with Calcium Channel Blocker Combinations	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Lexxel	none
Lotrel	
Tarka	
Alpha Blockers for BPH	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Flomax	none
Uroxatral	
Androgen Hormone Inhibitors	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Avodart	finasteride
Proscar	
Cephalosporins – 1st Generation	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Cefadroxil	All branded products with generics available
Cephalexin	
Cephradine	
Cephalosporins – 2nd Generation	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Cefaclor	All branded products with generics available
Cefaclor ER	Ceclor CD
Cefaclor Suspension	Lorabid
Ceftin Suspension (patients ≤ 12 or ≥ 65 years of age only)	Ceftin Suspensions (non-preferred for patients >12 and < 65 years of age)
Lorabid Suspension (patients ≤ 12 or ≥ 65 years of age only)	Lorabid Suspensions (non-preferred for patients >12 and < 65 years of age)
Cefprozil	
Cefprozil Suspension	
Cefuroxime Axetil	
Cephalosporins – 3rd Generation	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Cedax Suspension (patients ≤ 12 or ≥ 65 years of age only)	Cedax Suspension (non-preferred for patients >12 and < 65 years of age)
Omnicef Suspension (patients ≤ 12 and ≥ 65 years of age only)	Omnicef Suspension (non-preferred for patients >12 and < 65 years of age)
Suprax Suspension (patients ≤ 12 and ≥ 65 years of age only)	Suprax Suspension (non-preferred for patients > 12 and < 65 years of age)
Vantin Suspension (patients ≤ 12 and ≥ 65 years of age only)	Vantin Suspension (non-preferred for patients > 12 and < 65 years of age)
Cedax	Vantin
Cefpodoxime	
Omnicef	
Spectracef	

Macrolides – Ketolide(s) - Adult	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Azithromycin	Biaxin
Clarithromycin	Biaxin XL
Clarithromycin ER	Ketek
E.E.S. 400	Zithromax
E-Mycin	Zmax
Eryc	
Ery-tab	
Erythrocin	
Erythromycin	
PCE	
Macrolides - Pediatric	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Azithromycin Suspension	Biaxin Suspension
Clarithromycin Suspension	Zithromax Suspension
EryPed	
Erythromycin	
Quinolones	
Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Avelox	Cipro
Avelox ABC Pack	Factive
Cipro Suspension	Floxin
Cipro XR	Maxaquin
Ciprofloxacin	Noroxin
Levaquin	ProQuin XR
Ofloxacin	Tequin